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Pointed Paragraphs

You can't lift yourself up by pulling others down.

Some men are born great—then proceed to slump.

Some people who lack culture are not worth cultivating.

It's easy to take things as they come if they are coming our way.

When extremes meet they don't always recognize each other.

Ever notice how many friends you have when you don't need them?

There are three kinds of lies—white lies, black lies and society fibs.

It's the easiest thing in the world to not become a bloated bondholder.

The next best thing to wealth is a disposition to smile under a cloud of debts.

The man who can say "yes" and "no" at the right time has a sufficient command of language.

Our idea of a wise man is one who looks foolish enough to try to convince a woman by arguing with her.

Shortly after marriage the average man acts as if he had conferred a great favor on his wife by leading her to the altar.—Chicago Daily News.

Nuggets.

[From "Success Magazine"]

"It takes a certain amount of push to master even a wheelbarrow."

"They are never alone who are accompanied with noble thoughts."

God educates men by casting them on their own resources.—Newell Dwight Hillis.

"As soon as a man begins to love his work, then he will also begin to make progress."

What we would do, let us begin to-day. Every good we would have must be paid for in strokes of daily effort.—William James.

A name that stands for character, that is synonymous with integrity, is the best advertisement in the world.

Great minds have purposes; others have wishes.

"They fail and they alone who have not striven."

"That man lives twice who lives his first life well."

Be like the sun which never sees the dark side of anything.

"It's not the position but the disposition that makes men happy."

The idea of having bank deposits guaranteed by the government brings out an idea. Why should not a banker take a bunch of deposits and speculate? In case he wins all is well, and in case he loses no depositor will be out anything, anyway. The government would just as well guarantee the farmer that his corn crop would mature, or the minister that his revival would be resultant in a multitude of sinners converted.—Quincy Herald.

Lent and Easter

Now we'll all be good.

Wednesday, March 4th, is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, the forty days, fast before Easter. Easter Sunday falls on April 19th this year. Last year this festival was very early, the date being March 31, nine days later than the earliest date on which it can fall. This year it is six days earlier than the latest date on which it can occur. It is one of the movable feasts of the church and is regulated by the moon. At the council of Nice, 325, A. D., the church fathers decided that Easter should fall on the first Sunday after the full moon occurring on or after March 21st. If the full moon should fall on that day, and it be a Sunday, Easter is on the following Sunday.

Since this arrangement was made, Easter has fallen on every date between the two extremes, March 22nd and April 25th, but it is rare that it strikes these days. The last time it was on the earliest date was in 1818. The last time it fell on April 25th was in 1886, and the next time it hits the last day will be in 1943.

This year the first full moon after March 21st falls on April 16th, and the following Sunday, April 19th, is Easter. The time between next Wednesday and April 19th is called Lent. The ancient church designated this as a time of fasting, but the rigor of the ancient observance which excluded all flesh, even the so-called "white meats," has been very much relaxed. But the principle of restriction in eating has been retained by many of the church bodies. All of them have special services, commemorating the passion of Christ, during this period.—Quincy Herald

An Eye Opener.

Robert Aull, one of the park commissioners of the city of St. Louis, has been visiting his friend, William Buckman.

When in the city his eyes opened and he was dumbfounded to find five pretty parks and well kept.

He said: Well, that beats me, and that ain't all, it beats any other town great or small that I know of. Why you people have a fortune in parks, do you realize that?

We told him that most of our citizens realized their good fortune and was proud of their parks.

Reflections of a Bachelor.

Flattery is when it is said to somebody else.

The reason a woman hates logic so is she thinks it has something to do with fair play.

When a man prides himself on what his virtue keeps him from doing generally it's because he's scared.

When a girl gets engaged it surprises her a great deal that the suicide list doesn't suddenly lengthen.

Everybody grumbles over the minister coming to dinner, but that heroic man keeps his feelings about the experience to himself.—New York Press.

There was a pleasant "tacky party" at the home of Miss Mae Jackson at Sharpsburg, Tuesday night and what was lacking in numbers was made up in sport. Those present were: John Jackson, Clarence Leake, Harry Smith, Anna Nolen, Susie Jackson, Susie Burditt, Elizabeth Gosney and Jessie Colvert.

A Chinese Opium Den.

[Samuel Merwin in Success Magazine.]

An opium den usually takes up one floor of a building. Against the walls is a continuous wooden platform, perhaps two feet high and extending out seven or eight feet into the room. This platform is divided at intervals of five or six feet by low partitions, sometimes but a few inches in height, into compartments, each of which accommodates two smokers, with one lamp between them. Sometimes a rug or a bit of matting is laid on this hard couch, sometimes not; for the Chinaman, accustomed to sleeping on bricks, prefers his couches hard. A man always lies down to smoke opium; for the porous pill, which is pressed into the tiny orifice of the pipe, cannot be ignited, but is held directly over the lamp and the flame drawn up through it.

This first den we entered was on the second floor of a rickety building. We climb the steep, infinitely dirty stairway, crossed a narrow hall, and opened a door. At first I found it difficult to see distinctly in the dim light and through the thick blue haze; and the overpowering, sickish fumes of the drug got into my nose and throat and made breathing a noticeable effort. There was a desk by the door, behind which sat the keeper of the den, with a litter of pipes and thimble-like cups before him. In a corner of the desk was a jar of opium, a thick, sticky substance, dark brown in color, in appearance not unlike molasses in January. There were twenty smokers on the couches, some preparing the pellet of opium by kneading it and pressing it on the pipe bowl, some dozing off the fumes, and a few smoking. An attendant moved about the room with fresh supplies of the drug. For each thimbleful, enough for one or two smokes, the price was fifteen cents (Mexican.)

One in Many.

It was a salesman who remarked that, if he could be in a thousand places at once, he would pile in the orders. He was thinking of the train delays, the difficulty of meeting his man, the loss of time while dancing attendance; and so on. But, inadvertently, the salesman was paying a high compliment to the newspaper "ad." The "ad" is in a great many thousand places at once. It waits in any and all ante-rooms without trouble; it is with the men it wants to meet all day and all night, and it silently transacts good business without troubling a soul on earth. The "ad" is the magic salesman.—Quincy Herald.

A man can take a newspaper. It is the cheapest thing he can buy. Every time a hen clucks and has laid an egg his paper is paid for that week. It cost less than a postage stamp. It comes to you rain or shine, calm or stormy. No matter what happens it enters our door a welcome guest, full of sunshine, cheer and interest. It opens the door of the great world and puts you face to face with its people and its great events. It shortens the long evening. It is your adviser, gossip and friend. No man is just to his children who does not read the newspapers, and the failure of a man to provide the local papers for his wife should be constitutional grounds for divorce.—Ex.

CATARRH A GERM DISEASE

Catarrh is not a blood disease but is caused by germs that lodge and grow in the air passages, causing irritation with poisonous and offensive mucous discharges. It is an insidious disease of most destructive tendency. Its approaches are unalarming, and its victims are well on the road to a chronic state or to dread consumption before they realize their danger.

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Dillon-Reid.

The informal wedding at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. C. S. Robertshaw, at noon Thursday was a surprise party to Silk Stocking Row.

The contracting parties were, the pretty daughter, Miss Kate Dillon, and Victor Reid of Shelby, Rev. Robert White, of Hunnewell, officiating.

After an informal dinner the happy pair left for the Future Great on the Burlington.

May they gather roses as they drift down life's stream together.

Thos. J. Yates was with friends in Lakenan, Friday.

Miss Anna Mae Boulware was with Hannibal friends Thursday.

Mrs. Enoch Griffith went to Brookfield Thursday to visit friends.

Thomas Elzea, of Palmyra, came up Thursday to visit friends.

John Brown and wife, of Shelby, came down Friday to visit relatives.

Mrs. Minnie Umstattd, of Hannibal, was with Monroe friends Thursday.

Frank Pike and wife, of Maccon, have been visiting Monroe relatives.

Mrs. Hugh Henderson of Stoutsville, has been with Monroe friends.

Miss Tessie Grimm went to Palmyra, Friday to spend several days with friends.

To have a good sale, requires the kind of stuff you have and a good auctioneer like Ely.

Misses Venie and Mary Headrick, of Shelby, arrived Thursday afternoon to visit their uncle, J. B. Headrick and family.

E. J. Alexander, wife and son, Master Sterling, arrived from Meadville Thursday to visit Mrs. Alexander's mother, Mrs. R. A. Jackson.

A Kansas City pastor last Sunday furnished an excellent list of "Don'ts" and "Do's" for married men. It is the easiest thing in the world for a married man to lay down excellent rules for the guidance of some other married man.—Hannibal Journal.

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